

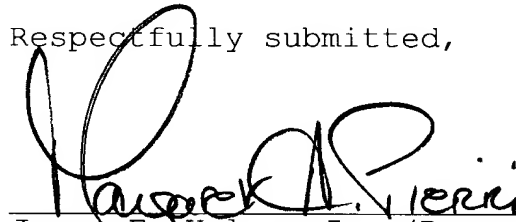
REMARKS

Applicants have amended page 1 of the specification to refer to and update the status of parent applications 08/567,391, 08/566,258 and 08/637,323 from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants have reviewed the specification for the necessity of Sequence Listing references and have amended the specification to refer to all nucleotide and amino acid sequences by the appropriate SEQ ID NO. More particularly, SEQ ID NO:1 is referred to at page 11, lines 25 and page 23, line 22 of the specification. Applicants believe that Table 4, pages 16 to 18, which designates single, conservative amino acid replacements, does not require a Sequence Listing or Sequence Listing identifiers. Applicants have also amended page 13 of the specification to reflect the new address of the American Type Culture Collection. Finally, applicants have amended claim 1, added claims 102 to 129 and canceled claims 2 to 101, without prejudice. Support for claim 1 is found on page 25, lines 33 to 35, page 31, lines 1 to 3 and page 29, lines 39 to 33 of the specification. Claim 102 is supported at page 29, lines 35 to 37. Support for claim 103 is found on page 25, lines 27 to 30 of the specification. Claim 104 is supported on page 52, lines 31 to 34 and claims 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111 are supported on page 13, lines 8 to 22 of the specification. Support for claims 112, 113 and 114 is on page 21, lines 14 to 37 and page 22, lines 1 to 9. Claims 115 and 116 are supported

on page 31, lines 5 to 10 of the specification. Support for claims 117 to 127 is found on page 26, lines 25 to 37 and page 27, lines 1 to 24. Claims 128 and 129 are supported on page 27, lines 26 to 34 of the specification. None of these amendments constitutes new matter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more applications claiming priority herefrom under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants request favorable action in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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